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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/000213, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on December 23, 2005. The Examiner is requested to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

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Japanese Laid-open Utility Model Publication No. SHO 53-89075, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Utility Model Publication No. SHO 53-110496, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-064026, together with a partial English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Utility Model Publication No. SHO 61-120111, together with a partial English language translation of the same; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-282928, together with a partial English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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